

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3541**
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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill would establish general election day as a state holiday.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Passage of this Bill would represent an additional holiday for state employees every even year. There would not be any additional direct cost to the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or other funds except for those agencies that employ personnel in critical demand positions such as correctional officers and nurses. The following is a sampling of some of those agencies.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

DMH indicates this Bill would have an impact on the General Fund of \$223,735 every other year. DHM provides 24-hour care to some of its patients and the addition of general election day as a State holiday would require DMH to employ temporary personnel to provide the necessary coverage.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)

DDSN indicates this Bill would have a total impact of \$176,615 every other year. Of that total \$123,630 would be an impact on the General Fund and \$52,985 to Other Funds. DDSN must maintain sufficient essential direct care staff/client ratios in its 24-hour regional center residential care facilities. The addition of general election day as a State holiday would require DDSN to employ temporary personnel to provide the necessary coverage.

Department of Juvenile Justice

The Department indicates that this Bill would require additional General Funds of the State totaling \$54,312 to cover salaries for the added state holiday. This cost would be incurred every other year. The Department maintains coverage in its facilities 365 days a year and compensates security staff for holiday time at the end of each 28-day period.

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill would have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The daily payroll costs for all state employees including employer contributions is approximately \$12.8 million. Of this amount, \$7.0 million represents the cost for state funded positions.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "H" and a long, sweeping "B".

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